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SUBJECT: JBC SHOWS "RISE AND FALL OF THE CIA"

1. EVENING DECEMBER 16 JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (JBC) SHOWED THE GRANADA TV FILM "THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CIA". ALTHOUGH FILM HAS BEEN FLOATING AROUND JAMAICA FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, ALL PREVIOUS SHOWINGS HAVE BEEN TO PNP POLITICAL RALLIES OR HAVE BEEN SEMI-PRIVATE SHOWINGS BY VARIOUS PNP MINISTERS AND PARTY LEADERS. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHY JBC CHOSE THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO DISPLAY THE FILM, AND THUS REVIVE THE CIA BOGEY IMMEDIATELY AFTER PNP'S LANDSLIDE ELECTORAL VICTORY. HOWEVER, THREE POSSIBILITIES SUGGEST THEMSELVES: (A) PAVLOVIAN MINDLESSNESS ON PART OF JBC PROGRAMMERS, (B) PNP RADICALS WHO STRONGLY INFLUENCE JBC PROGRAMMING ARRANGED SHOWING AS A FURTHER WARNING TO JAMAICANS TO TAKE A LESSON FROM THE FALL OF ALLENDE, OR (C) SONE PNP RADICALS WANTED IT SHOWN AS A THUMB IN THE AMERICAN EYE.

2. WE STRONGLY DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY (A) AND SUSPECT A COMBINATION OF (B) AND (C). THIS REASONING IS SUPPORTED BY FACT PM'S PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY,
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ARNOLD BERTRAM, STRONGLY INFLUENCES JBC PROGRAMMING AND WAS AMONG THOSE WHO PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ORCHESTRATING THE AGEE VISIT -- AS WELL AS PREVIOUS FILM SHOWINGS AT VARIOUS RALLIES. IN ANY EVENT, FILM SHOWING IS FIRST MAJOR REVIVAL OF CIA THEME SINCE THE SPATE OF PUBLICITY WHICH FOLLOWED AGEE VISIT THIS PAST

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